### IMPROVEMENT AND CARE OF PUBLIC GROUNDS.

## LETTER

FROM

# THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR IMPROVEMENT AND CARE OF PUBLIC GROUNDS.

FEBRUARY 1, 1904.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 30, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of War of the 29th instant, submitting an estimate of deficiency in the appropriation under the head of "Improvement and care of public grounds, fiscal year, 1904," for the removal of snow and ice, \$2,000.

Respectfully,

L. M. SHAW, Secretary.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, January 29, 1904.

Sir: I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Congress, a deficiency estimate (\$2,000) of appropriation for "Improvement and care of public grounds," required by the War Department for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904.

Very respectfully,

ROBERT SHAW OLIVER, Acting Secretary of War

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, by the Chief of Engineers.

### WAR DEPARTMENT.

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS IN WASHINGTON.

Note.—The act of Congress approved March 2, 1895, volume 28, Statutes at Large, page 810, makes it the duty of the superintendent of public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia, to engage such assistance as may be deemed necessary, when funds are available, for the purpose of removing snow and sleet from paved sidewalks and cross walks about and through the public parks in Washington, D. C., as soon after the fall thereof as may be practicable.

The usual annual allotment of \$1,200, provided for the removal of snow and ice during the present fiscal year, is very nearly exhausted, there being on hand the sum of \$400, and to properly remove the snowfall of the storm now prevailing will probable cost from \$500 to \$600.